POETRY.

The Farmer.

The farmer is a happy man, He raises all he needs, sir, The foremost stands of all the van. All occupations leads, sir.

His cattle furnish beef enough, His sheep, a heap of wool, sir, His children hearty and tough, His coffers always full, sir,

His barns are large and well filled, With hay, and corn, and rye, sir, His orchard rich, his land well tilled, Both fruit and food supply sir.

His cellar in the autumn shows, Of roots, a bounteous store, sir, He's well prepared for winter's snows-What could a man want more, sir?

His horses kept in first rate trim, For wagon, chaise, or sleigh, sir, Are ready now, to carry him At any time of day, sir.

His cows are many, and the best The country can afford, sir, His butter, cheese, and milk attest, His barns have been well stored, sir.

His pigs are of the Suffolk sort, You never hear them squeat, sir, Because they never are kept short, But filled with corn and meal, sir,

His hens are not of Shanghai sort, He chooses not by size, sir, An egg's an egg, and when 'tis bought As large a coin supplies, sir.

His turkeys and his geese are fine, Of both he has a store, sir. In fact, the farmer has a mine Richer than golden ore, sir.

His very bees are "busy," too, And fill his hives with comb, sir, They have as much as they can do, To bring his honey home, sir.

Who would not choose the farmer's lot! What though he has to work, sir, Much haspiness by toil is got, But who would like a shirk, sir?

There's land enough for all young men, Our country is a great one, Just pull up stakes and hasten then, Where fortunes rich await one,

AGRICULTURAL.

Sugar Cane.

Chinese sugar-cane seed, distributed by which two products separate on cooling. the Patent office last Spring, promises to The oil is subject to a new distillation, be a complete success at the North. A and resolved wholly into a permanent gas package of seed was planted in Bucks co., and hydrogen very richly carburretted. Pa., latitude 40 1-2 degrees North, and has arrived at maturity. The maximum height of the stock was ten feet, and the then fully developed. The juice which is board, and when the cylinder rotates, the ted at the South. Whether the juice assisting the cleansing. A new printing be obtained, which will require another and is not liable to get out of repair. year at least. The seed having been distributed late in the Spring, which was cold and backward, there is good reason to believe that much planted did not reach Ransome, the inventor, is formed by mixmaturity. Should the plant fail, so far as it g the fluid silicia of soda with sand and the manufacture of sugar is concerned, other material, varying according to the yet its value as a forage crop cannot be required result, and thus forming a kind overestimated at the North. Cattle, hogs of thick paste, moulded readily into any and horses eat the entire stock with avidi- shape. Exposed for a time to the air, ty, and no doubt would fatten rapidly on this gradually hardens by evaporation of tigated. The culture required for the soda raised to a red heat. plant is similar to that adopted for indian corn when planted in rows, and the seed should be put into the ground about the

noticed the receipt of a small quantity of stances, but rendered still harder when 10 Molasses, manufactured from cone grown portion or feldspar and of flint are ground in our vicinity. From experiments made together, in a mortar or on a slab, to an here, and from the successful issue of the almost impalpable powder, and a paste trial in Bucks County, which we give made of this powder is fashioned into taken together by one person, one year, for above, there is no doubt in our mind, that the culture of this variety of cane can be made a profitable business, and the Northern States, will, in the opinion of many, in a short time be able to supply a portion of that article to the consumers at home.

of the seed of this variety of cane, would of the paddle-wheels to suit the various favor us with a small quantity, as there has been several applications made to us for some to plant the coming Spring.

A Thing Every Farmer Should Know.

soned oak timber, and not have it break or more times, with a liquid of two parts or bend, just have a small quantity of oil steraine, and two parts Venetian scap, near by and dip the nail before driving, with 20 or 30 parts of cold solution of and it will never fail to go. In mending caustic potassia; then add one part of fact that they are in receipt of their carts and plows this is of great advantage pearlash, and cold ley sufficient to produce for they are generally made most of oak perfect flexibility. wood. In straightening old nails before using, let it be done on wood, and with easy blows. If done on iron they will be courage to honor it, according to its degree, of GOODS in the Western Country. sure to break.

SCIENCE AND ART.

Bank Note Engraving.

By the improved mode of engraving bank note plates, a flat piece of steel, of the requisite dimensions, is first prepared and on it the engraver cuts a vignette, a denominational figure, or the general letral hardened dies are afterwards transferred to their appropriate places on the plate to be used for printing the notes. The ground work about the numerical figures is produced by a machine called a geometrical lathe. A plan to render counterfeiting almost impossible, is to dispense with dies, and have the entre face of the bill engraved on the plate as a unit -that is, to have the device made up of one connected figuers or view, with the words and denominational figures so interwoven and repeated that no imitation of the same could be made with a sufficient degree of exactness.

Improvement in Boots & Shocs.

An English mechanic has devised a new plan for the construction of boots and new plan for the construction of boots and shoes. It consists in forming the under sole and seat of the heel that it may be old dear home."—Courier, Burlington, Vt. sole and seat of the heel that it may be easily adjusted in the seat, or be readily removed, repaired and refitted, or a new one submitted. Where desired, passages surface, which communicate with the atmosphere, and through perforations in gutta percha, or suitable material for the undersole of boots and other like articles, a piece which forms the sole, waist and seat of the heel. The seat is hollowed in Penn.

wit are a sovereign specific for all fits of the blues or attacks of the horrors, and time passes merrily on."—Democrat, Doylestown, Penn. the centre, and is formed on the inside with a sunk plunge or rim for the reception of the heel. The plan presents decided advantages.

Quality of Peat Gas.

For some time past, gas has been manufactured from peat, in Paris. In measuring the comparative illuminating powers of coal and peat gas, the result has been found to be in favor of peat, its power being three hundred and forty-two, while that of coal is one hundred. The as more simple than that of coal. The peat, if put into an iron retort heated to a ture of permanent gasses and vapors The New York Herald says: The which condense into an oleaginous liquid,

Useful Inventions.

A washing machine, on an unique preduct in grain much greater than any plan, has been invented, the clothes being cereal under cultivation. The stalk is placed in a slatted cylinder, made like a perfectly green after the seed has reached squirrel cage, said cylinder having within maturity, and the sacharine principle is it at each end, an oblique corrugated most abundant, is very saccharine, quite boards cause the clothes to tumble from as much so as the variety of cane cultiva- one end of the machine to the other, thus contains the same amount of chrystaliza- press has been brought to public notice. ble sugar, venains to be tested. Should It consists in the employment of a rotait be found equal to ordinary cane in that ting and reciprocating cylinder, and also respect, a new era in the agriculture of in a peculiar inking device, and fly, which Its columns are devoted to original tales, the North will be inaugurated, and an im- catches the sheets as they issue from the mense breadth of land be devoted to cul- press. The machine is simple in its conture, as soon as the necessary seed can struction, can be afforded at a low cost,

The new artificial stone made by Mr. have no means at present of estimating feetly solid mass, the original particles of

Manufacture of Mineral Teeth.

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Objects in plaster of Paris are now ren-If you wish to drive a cut-nail into sea- dered like marble, by ceating them, one

> Sugacity in selecting the truth, and determine our own degree of goodness. . Glenwood, Iowa, Oct. 23, 1856.--1-tf

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Old John was quite a temperate man That no one could deny, He drank his water tempered with A trifle of "old rye."

For John believed in warming drinks, And tonic mixtures mild, As he was often troubled with His stomach's getting rye-I'd.

Old John was not a pious man But yet he oft did feel The spirit's influence o'er his soul In pensive moments steal,

Old John was not to falsehood prone, Nor truth nor virtue scoffed, Yet, though he rarely spoke untruth I've seen him lie full oft.

Though grim of feature and austere, Nor oft by mirth beguiled, And, though he very seldom laughed, No man more often smiled,

A "hard case" he was often styled, But, though a rough old fellow. A hard case he could scarce have been, He was so often mellow.

They called him dissolute and loose, As with much truth they might, But yet 'tis strange they called him loose When always getting tight.

Though flushed his face, his nose bloodred

His hair of sanguine hue, Yet people often would persist, And say that John was blue. John had no music in his soul,

It was not in him born;

Yet though he could not raise a note He sometimes tried a horn. Though bold as youthful David, who Before Goliath stood-

John slew no giants with his sling

Ah! no! 'twas nE got slew'd. But now he's gone! death called him when His earthly toil was done, He smiled his last and then went off Half-cocked, like some old gun.

Mr. Cæsar, a darkey preacher on a uthern plantation, had made an appointone year, and a Ticket in the Distribution of ment to preach about twenty miles from Works of Art, making four dollars worth of his master's plantation, and there he made ment to preach about twenty miles from reading matter, besides the ticket, which may, his appearance with his saddle bags on his arm, and gave out at once that he had come to preach the Gospel to the niggers

"Yah! yah!" responded a hundred voices; but one of the negroes, more bold but not worse than the rest, sung out:-"Well, now, look a-here, nigger, if you jis brung a pack o' cards wid you, you mout dun sumfin, but preachin' is a little

too slow for dis congregation." de nex time he come to bring de cards. Cæsar started off with his saddle-bags on his arm, but halted, opened them, and turning about as he said, "If dat's what you must have, why, den, you must!" and pulling out a greasy old pack, sat down

on the grass. "Dat's de talk : O de land, jis look! ding magazines, at book stores, all of dat nigger got some little senses left arter all: sensibul to de last!" they cried out, one after another. The preacher comequal and free participants in a rare art-work distribution. They also receive that beautiful quarterly, the "Art Journal," free. thing around, cleaning them out of all the loose silver they had picked up in many a day; Casar shoved the documents into the bags, and starting off again, told them, by way of a parting benediction, that whenever they had a little more money to support the Gospel in that way, just to let him

> The following specimen of "Young Americanism" we think is to good to be

One night Freddy had been put to bed, and mother and Johnny were in an adjoining room. Presently Johnny cut up some caper, on which mother threatened to take him into the other room and whip

" Mother," said Freddy's voice under

the bed clothes, "I know where I'd take "Where?" said the mother, whose

curiosity was excited. "I'd take him under the left ear!" Punch is wicked enough to print the

following paragraph under the head of "Social Statistics." Married gentlemen will read it and take warning : "Thirteen married gentlemen, who, within the last week or so, have been convicted of having smoked in their own dining room, have been severally fined a new bonnet, and m default, have been committed to the hard labor of taking out

their wives for an afternoon's shopping. The New York " Dutchman" says:-Machinery has reached a great state of perfection. We saw some burnt peas put into the hopper of a coffee mill the other day, and in less than two minutes it was occupying a place in a grocery window;

labelled "Old Government Java." A Frenchman, gasconading over the inventive genius of his countrymen, said:

" We invented lace ruffles!"

"Aye," said John Bull, "and we added shirts to them !" The contents of gun-barrels bring more

soldiers to their bier, than any other. They are particular in Schenectady.

A boy was arrested recently for spitting in the canal.